

Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A closure for use on liquid-packing containers, comprising a substantially circular first portion having an outer periphery from which a substantially cylindrical second portion projects, the second portion being substantially orthogonal to the first portion, and a sealing system provided with a first sealing element associated with the first portion, and a second sealing element and a third sealing element associated with the second portion, the first, second and third sealing elements cooperating with the packing container;

the first and the third sealing elements providing sealing by deformation when the closure is applied to the container;

the second sealing element comprising an annular stop providing sealing by direct compression when the closure is applied to the container, cooperating with the first portion, being non-deformable, and presenting a thickness considerably larger with respect to the rest of the closure such that the second sealing element resists reduction of diameter of the second sealing element caused by internal pressure exerted on the first portion and thereby to exerts a bending moment on the first portion opposite to that caused by the internal pressure in order to limit deformation outward bulging of the first portion of the closure.

2. (Previously Presented) A closure according to claim 1, wherein the first sealing element comprises a resilient sealing ring that projects from the first portion in a substantially concentric way.

3. (Previously Presented) A closure according to claim 2, wherein the resilient sealing ring has a first side surface facing the second portion, a second side surface opposed to the first side surface, and a third lower surface, which is substantially perpendicular to the direction of length of the ring.

4. (Previously Presented) A closure according to claim 3, wherein the resilient sealing ring has a substantially rectangular cross-section.

5. (Currently Amended) A closure according to claim 1, wherein the ~~second sealing element comprises an annular stop, which~~ projects radially from the inner surface of the second portion.

6. (Previously Presented) A closure according to claim 5, wherein the annular stop has a first upper surface, which substantially cooperates with the first portion, a second side surface facing the inside of the closure, and a third back surface opposed to the first portion.

7. (Previously Presented) A closure according to claim 6, wherein the annular stop has a substantially trapezoidal cross-section.

8. (Previously Presented) A closure according to claim 1, wherein the third sealing element comprises a substantially resilient annular sealing lip, which projects radially from the inner surface of the second portion.

9. (Previously Presented) A closure according to claim 8, wherein the annular sealing lip has first upper surface facing the first portion, a second side surface facing the inside of the closure, and a third back portion opposed to the first upper surface.

10. (Previously Presented) A closure according to claim 9, wherein the annular sealing lip has a substantially rectangular cross-section.

11. (Previously Presented) A closure according to claim 1, wherein the closure comprises at least a first thread located on the inner surface of the second portion.

12. (Currently Amended) A container for packing liquid products, comprising a closure provided with a first substantially circular portion having an outer periphery from which a substantially cylindrical second portion projects, the second portion being substantially orthogonal to the first portion, and a sealing system provided with a first sealing element associated with the first portion, and a second sealing element

and a third sealing element associated with the second portion, the first, second and third sealing elements cooperating with the container;

the first and the third sealing elements providing sealing by deformation when the closure is applied to the container;

the second sealing element comprising an annular stop providing sealing by direct compression when the closure is applied to the container, cooperating with the first portion, being non-deformable, and presenting a thickness considerably larger with respect to the rest of the closure such that the second sealing element resists reduction of diameter of the second sealing element caused by internal pressure exerted on the first portion and thereby to exerts a bending moment on the first portion opposite to that caused by the internal pressure in order to limit deformation outward bulging of the first portion of the closure.

13. (Previously Presented) A container according to claim 12, wherein the first sealing element of the closure comprises a resilient sealing ring, which projects from its first portion in a substantially concentric way.

14. (Currently Amended) A container according to claim 12, wherein the ~~second sealing element of the closure comprises an annular stop, which~~ projects radially from the inner surface of the second portion.

15. (Currently Amended) A container according to claim 12, wherein the third sealing element of the closure comprises a substantially resilient annular sealing lip, which projects radially from the inner surface of ~~its~~ the second portion.

16. (Previously Presented) A container according to claim 12, wherein the closure comprises at least one first thread, located on the inner surface of the second portion.

17. (Previously Presented) A container according to claim 12, wherein the container comprises at least one neck provided with at least one second thread located on an outer surface of the neck.

18. (Currently Amended) A closure for application to a neck of a container for liquids, wherein the container neck has a first inner surface, a second outer surface, and a third upper surface, the closure comprising:

a substantially circular first portion having an outer periphery from which a substantially cylindrical second portion projects, the first portion having a lower surface, the second portion being substantially orthogonal to the first portion and having an inner surface that faces the second outer surface of the neck of the container when the closure is applied thereto, a juncture between the first and second portions being substantially thicker than the rest of the closure; and

a sealing system integrally formed with the closure, the sealing system comprising:

a first sealing element projecting from the lower surface of the first portion and having a first side surface facing the second portion and positioned to be engaged by the container neck when the closure is applied thereto, the first sealing element being resiliently deformable by the neck;

a second sealing element projecting from the juncture between the first and second portions and positioned to be directly contacted by and compressed against the third upper surface of the container neck when the closure is applied thereto, the second sealing element being non-deformable comprising an annular ring that resists reduction in diameter of the second sealing element caused by internal pressure exerted on the first portion and thereby exerts a bending moment on the first portion opposite to that caused by the internal pressure in order to limit outward bulging of the first portion of the closure; and

a third sealing element projecting from the inner surface of the second portion and having a lower surface facing away from the first portion, the lower surface of the third sealing element being positioned to be contacted by the container neck when the closure is applied thereto, the third sealing element being resiliently deformable by the neck.